

May 5, 2014

The Honorable James Marleau
Chair, Senate Committee on Health Policy
Michigan Senate
PO Box 30036
Lansing, MI 48909

Re: Support for SB 879 Breast Density Education

Dear Senator Marleau:

I am a female business owner of Lighthouse Insurance Group. We have 210 employees, employees, 120 of those employees are women for whom we provide health care benefits. I strongly support Senator Hildenbrand's Breast Density Education bill, SB 879, because women need to know when their breast density puts them at *increased risk for cancer*, and that breast density can *hide cancers on a mammogram*.

I live and breathe health care. I am a health care consultant. I work with employer groups in designing their health care programs, along with being the employees of those companies health care advocate.

I handle too many breast cancer claims! I continually meet women who found their cancer when they discovered a lump- yet they were meticulous about getting their annual mammograms. Only after they find a lump, do they learn, the mammograms are not working due to their density.

Women need to understand what density means. They need to know if they have dense breasts, and discuss additional screening tests with their physicians. This will save women's lives. All we are asking is that we provide more education.

We must pass this bill. We owe it to all the women who have gone through this terrible disease and for those in the future.

Sincerely,
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